
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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Newsline for the Blind

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Newsline for the Blind is a subscription service administered by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) known as NFB-NEWSLINE. The service provides toll-free daily access to newspapers and magazines over the telephone.

Blind and visually impaired individuals have access over the telephone to the following:

- More than 320 daily newspapers including the Burlington Hawkeye, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Des Moines Register, Iowa City Press Citizen, Iowa Shopping Cart, Mason City Globe-Gazette, Quad City Times, Sioux City Journal, and Waterloo Courier.
- Iowa Information Channel.
- Monthly consumer bulletins from the Iowa Attorney General's Office.
- Several magazines.
- Up-to-the-minute feeds from the Associated Press.
- TV listings.
- Job searching.
- Weekly Target ads.

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS)

The Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS) is a free news and information service that broadcasts 24 hours a day, every day of the year to thousands of listeners throughout Iowa. Each day, volunteers in seven locations across the State read aloud from local newspapers.

The IRIS broadcasts readings from current newspapers and magazines, including the following:

- The Wall Street Journal.
- The New York Times.
- People.
- Sports Illustrated.

More Information

Iowa Department for the Blind: blind.iowa.gov
National Federation of the Blind NEWSLINE: www.nfb.org/audio-newspaper-service
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- Reader's Digest.

Funding

This program was not funded in FY 2018. Previously, the Department for the Blind received a \$52,000 General Fund appropriation to subscribe to these services.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [216B](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [111](#)